Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A retaining device for an air bag module comprising:

a receiving region adapted to be connected to at least a portion of an [[air-bag]] air bag module;

at least one hook adapted to engage a component of a motor vehicle being of integral design with the retaining device and being bent out of the plane of the retaining device around a fold, wherein the fold extends in the same direction as a hook point;

wherein the retaining device is a planar element, and

wherein the retaining device includes an opening for receiving a fastening device for connecting the retaining device to the component. ~~component;~~

~~wherein the opening is located in an edge region of the retaining device such that the portion of the air-bag module which is connected to the retaining device does not protrude over the opening.~~

2. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the hook is configured to be hooked into a receiving opening of the motor-vehicle component.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the fastening device comprises one of a screw or a rivet.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the opening is positioned in an edge region of the retaining device and thereby avoids being obstructed by the at least a portion of the air-bag module.

7. (Previously Presented) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the receiving region includes at least one opening via which the portion of the air-bag module can be fastened to the retaining device.

8. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the retaining device is elongated.

9. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the retaining device includes angled portions.

10. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the receiving region is angled.

11. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the hook is integrally connected to the retaining device.

12. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the retaining device comprises sheet metal.

13. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the retaining device is formed as a metal die casting.

14. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the retaining device is plastic formed by injection molding.

15. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the motor-vehicle component is a vehicle seat.

16. (Previously Presented) The retaining device of Claim 15, wherein the retaining device is adapted to be fastened to a side strut of a backrest of the vehicle seat.

17. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the motor-vehicle component is a vehicle door.

18. (Previously Presented) The retaining device of Claim 17, wherein the retaining device is adapted to be fastened to a strut of the vehicle door.

19. (Original) The retaining device of Claim 1, wherein the portion of the airbag module includes at least one of an air bag retaining element, a gas-generator retaining element, or a covering cap of an air bag.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for connecting an airbag module to a motor vehicle comprising:

a retaining device connected to at least a portion of the air-bag module and a component of the motor vehicle,

wherein the retaining device is designed as a planar element and has at least one hook being of integral design with the retaining device and being bent out of the plane of the retaining device around a fold, wherein the fold extends in the same direction to the hook points, and an opening for receiving a fastener for connecting to the component;

wherein the component of the motor vehicle includes at least one receiving opening so that the retaining device can be hooked into the receiving opening by means of the hook and can be connected to the component of the motor vehicle via the opening for receiving a fastener. ~~fastener;~~

~~wherein the opening for receiving a fastener is positioned so that the fastener may be inserted through the opening and connected to the component after the portion of the airbag module is connected to the retaining device.~~

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the component of the motor vehicle is a backrest of a vehicle seat.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the component of the motor vehicle is a strut of a vehicle door.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the receiving opening is an elongated hole.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 20, wherein the hook of the retaining device connected to the component of the motor vehicle includes an open end directed toward to a floor of the motor vehicle.

25. (Canceled).